THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) are engaged in the design and development of an Advanced Libht Helicopter (ALH). The project is in the advanced stage of implementation.

(b) to (d) The AIH project was approved in 1984 and according to the original schedule it was to be completed by 1991/92. As against this, the project is now expected to be completed by 1993/94. The initial cost estimate of the project was Rs. 87.31 crores at January, 1982 price level and the revised cost anticipated is Rs. 285.36 crores at November, 1989 price level.

(e) The actual expenditure incurred as on 31st March, 1990 on the project is Rs. 171.90 crores.

Suggestion of Assocham for selective privatisation of Public Sector Corporation

@1350. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry has submitted a proopsal to the Central Government recommending selective privatisation of some profit making public sector corporations; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) The proposals of ASSOCHAM regarding privatisation of public sector enterprises will be kept in view while framing the White Paper on public sector later this year as was announced in the Presidential Address to the Parliament on 12-3-1990.

Demands of the officers of the public sector oil corporations

†1351. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the negotiations held between Government and the officers of the public sector oil companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that the officers in some of the public sector oil corporations have been on strike; if so, since when;

(c) what are the details of the demands made by the officers and what is Central Government's response thereto;

(d) what would be the additional financial reqiurement if their demands are met; and

(e) whether the agitation/strike by the officers have resulted in financial losses; if so, what is the extent thereof per day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (e) The Oil Sector Officers Association gave a notice to the Ministry of Petroleum & Chemicals that they propose to go on strike from April 24th to 26th and May 8th to 11th May,

@Previously Unstarred Question 623 transferred from the 14th May, 1990.

†Previously Unstarred Question 674 transferred from the 14th May, 1990.

1990. To discuss the grievances/demands of the Officers, a Group of Secretaries held discussion with the repersentatives of the Officers' Association on 20th, 21st and 25th April, 1990. Their principal demand was introduction of Central Government D.A. with revision of pay scales from 1-1-86. It was explained by the Group of Secretaries that it would not be correct to combine inter-sectoral wage patterns and accordingly Central D.A. can be considered only with pay scales and perquisites applicable to Central Government officers.

Some of the Officers of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., went on a one day strike in the Eastern region on 17th April, 1990 and thereafter bulk of the oil industry went on a day's strike on 8th May, 1990, dislocating exploration, drilling, production, pumping refining and disthribution of petroleum products resulting in a notional loss of about Rs. 180 crores including additional out go of foreign exchange (libility) of about US dollar 37 million.

The approximate additional liability for meeting the demands of all the officers in all the enterprises would be Rs. 424 crores towards arrears upto December, 1989 and about Rs. 163 [illegible] 1990 if their demands are met.

Revision of pay scales for public sector executives

@@1352. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since announced the pay scales and benefits for the public sector executives; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what criteria have been followed by Government in fixing the new scales and whether these corerspond with the Fourth Pay Commission scales for civil servants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) The Government have since notified the scales of pay of the executives holding Board level posts effective from 1-1-1987. These are as follows:—

Schedule

'A' 9000—2550—10000
'B' 8500—200—9500
'C' 7500-200-8500
'D' 6500-175-7550

The Government has also advised the broad parameters for pay scales of the executives below the Board level effective from the same date. The public enterprises would be formulating their revised pay scales and process them for sanction through their administrative Ministries/ Bureau of Public Enterprises. The revised scales do not correspond with the scales of pay recommended by the Fourth Centre. Pay Commission for Central Government employees.

National Security Council

††1353. DR. NAREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set-up National Security Council;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) what would be its composition and what are the objectives of the above Council?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government have decided to set up a National Security Council to

@@Previously Unstarred Question 688 transferred from the 14th May, 1990.

††Previously Unstarred Question 903 transferred from the 16th May, 1990.